

## 130th Engineers build a better bridge

### Engineers field new float bridge in time for deployment

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It wasn't supposed to happen until 2004, but the bridgers of the 502nd Engineer Company in Hanau are happy to see it happening now. The unit, part of the 130th Engineer Brigade's 565th Engineer Battalion, received the brand new Improved Ribbon Bridge. It is the key piece in their arsenal of equipment, said officials.

The floating bridge, which is launched in sections from trucks on the bank of a body of water or transported by helicopter, is the Army's fast, dependable, wet-gap bridging capability. It can be put in place rapidly under all conditions and is used in the forward movement of wheeled and tracked vehicles in support of ground combat troops.

The Department of the Army approved an accelerated fielding of the new bridge system in the wake of the global war on terrorism. In the event of a deployment to the Central Command area of responsibility, his company would bring along this new equipment, said Capt. Chris Jeszenszky, the 502nd's commander.

"The Army has accomplished a year's worth of fielding in just three months," said Jeszenszky. The 502nd is the third unit to receive the new bridge after the 74th and 814th Multi Role Bridge Companies, which are stationed in the United States.

The company received two and a half weeks of training on the new bridge at their bridge park at Campo Pond Training Area in Hanau. Contractors from AM General Corporation, makers of the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, provided the hands-on training.

Though reluctant at first, the soldiers adapted well to the new bridge, said AM General training instructor Vince McMahan. "Once they got out on the water, they pretty



Soldiers prepare to manually lift and throw the heavy ramp of a Standard Ribbon Bridge onto a riverbank. The new Improved Ribbon Bridge is equipped with a completely redesigned hydraulic system and an extended ramp bay.

much fell in love with it," he said.

There are many improvements to the bridging system to fall in love with. The IRB is based on and compatible with the Standard Ribbon Bridge currently used by the 502nd. Eisenwerke Kaiserslautern GmbH of Kaiserslautern designed and manufactured it for the U.S. Army along with other float and dry gap bridges for 20 countries worldwide. The bridge was also designed to be compat-

ible with the bridge systems belonging to the armies of many U.S. allies.

"Everything that soldiers griped about with the SRB has been fixed with the IRB," said Darryl Glanders, another AM General training instructor. These improvements include a bridge that stays dryer, sits higher off the water, is able to bridge higher banks and is easier to maneuver, Glanders said.

Most improvements are due to the in-

creased buoyancy of the IRB. The bridge can now handle a higher military load class, which means more vehicles and equipment can cross at one time. In addition the bridge can now handle two-way traffic.

The new higher splash plates combined with a non-skid surface and the increased buoyancy also keep the bridge surface dryer. This means less flooding on the bridge roadway.

"The favorite new feature for our soldiers has to be the improved ramp bay," said Jeszenszky. Instead of ramps that fold over at the end of the bridge, are lifted manually and "thrown" on to the bank, the IRB is equipped with a completely redesigned hydraulic system. The ramps can sit in a raised position until it is time to lower them onto the bank.

"That also means there is less ground-work that needs to be done to prepare the bank," Jeszenszky added. "The SRB could only accommodate a two-foot bank, whereas the IRB can reach a bank with the height of up to seven feet."

The soldiers who build the bridge seem quite pleased with their new equipment. Staff Sgt. Julius Bryant, a section sergeant in the 502nd, was impressed with the decrease in manual power needed to build the bridge.

"We have some adjusting to do, but it is not too much. The bridges are very similar," he said, adding that the IRB is better than the old bridge. "Soldiers are definitely happier."



Two soldiers from the 502nd Engineer Company pump the hydraulic system of the IRB. They can now raise the ramp to reach a bank height of seven feet. The old bridge ramp could only accommodate a bank with a height of two feet.





# Bulletin board

## At the movies March 4-20

### Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

March 4 — Extreme Ops (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 5-6 — Half Past Dead (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 7-9 — The Recruit (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 10-11 — Empire (R) 7 p.m.  
 March 12-13 — Drumline (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 14 — Shanghai Knights (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 15-16 — The Wild Thornberrys (PG) 4 p.m. Shanghai Knights (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 17-18 — Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 19-20 — Lord Of The Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Büdingen, Little

March 7 — 8 Mile (R) 7 p.m.  
 March 8 — My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 3 p.m.  
 March 14 — Half Past Dead (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 15 — Friday After Next (R) 3 p.m.

### Dexheim, Rhein

March 7 — Empire (R) 7 p.m.  
 March 8 — Shanghai Knights (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 9 — Drumline (PG-13) 3 p.m.  
 March 14 — Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 15 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 16 — Lord Of The Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 3 p.m.

### Friedberg, Old Ironsides

March 14 — Lord Of The Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 15 — The Recruit (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 16 — Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 20 — Just Married (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Giessen, Skyline

March 4-5 — Kangaroo Jack (PG) 7 p.m.  
 March 7 — Empire (R) 7 p.m.  
 March 8 — Drumline (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 9 — Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 11-12 — Biker Boyz (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 14 — Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 15 — The Wild Thornberrys (PG) 7 p.m.  
 March 16 — Lord Of The Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 18-19 — The Recruit (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Devon (Nick Cannon, left) squares off against his nemesis and fellow drumline member, Sean (Leonard Roberts) as Dr. Lee (Orlando Jones) looks on in "The Drumline."



Will Ferrell (center row from left), Vince Vaughn and Luke Wilson star in "Old School," a comedy about recreating those wild college days of once upon a time.

### Hanau, Evening Star

March 4 — Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 5 — Hot Chick (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 6 — Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 7 — Drumline (PG-13) 7 p.m. Old School (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 March 8 — Old School (R) 7 p.m. Empire (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 March 9 — Old School (R) 7 p.m.  
 March 10 — Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 11 — Drumline (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 12 — Empire (R) 7 p.m.  
 March 13 — Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 14 — Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 7 p.m. Lord Of The Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
 March 15 — Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 7 p.m. Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
 March 16 — The Wild Thornberrys (PG) 4 p.m. Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 7 p.m.  
 March 17 — Lord Of The Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 18 — Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 19 — The Wild Thornberrys (PG) 7 p.m.  
 March 20 — Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Rhein Main, Gardens

March 5 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 7 — Empire (R) 7 p.m.  
 March 8 — Drumline (PG-13) 5 p.m. The Recruit (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.  
 March 9 — Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 12 — Old School (R) 7 p.m.  
 March 14 — Lord Of The Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 15 — The Wild Thornberrys (PG) 5 p.m. Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 7:30 p.m.  
 March 16 — Shanghai Knights (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 19 — Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 7 p.m.

### Wackernheim, McCully

March 5 — To be announced locally 7 p.m.  
 March 12 — To be announced locally 7 p.m.  
 March 19 — To be announced locally 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Flyers

March 6 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 7 — Drumline (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 8 — Empire (R) 7 p.m.  
 March 13 — Old School (R) 7 p.m.  
 March 14 — Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 15 — Lord Of The Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 20 — Cradle 2: The Grave (R) 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Taunus

March 4 — Solaris (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 5 — Hot Chick (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 6 — Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 March 7 — Daredevil (PG-13) 7 p.m. Drumline (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
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**Movies and times subject to change by local theaters. For the most up-to-date schedule visit the ASG's website (see address below).**

## Movie plots

**Old School (R)** — Mitch (Luke Wilson), Frank (Will Ferrell) and Beanie (Vince Vaughn) have all reached a crossroads in their lives. The 30-something college buddies can choose to be responsible adults, with wives, families and steady jobs or they can postpone adulthood in favor of the reckless abandon of frat house living by starting their own off-campus fraternity, minus the education.

**Drumline (PG-13)** — Devon Miles, a young, gifted hip-hop drummer from Harlem, wins a full music scholarship to Atlanta A&T University with the hopes of gaining a spot as a drummer on the school's renowned marching band drumline. Surmounting overwhelming odds, he snares a spot as a starter, much to the disdain of resentful senior Sean Taylor. When Taylor discovers something amiss about Devon's abilities, he alerts Dr. Lee, the school's band director.

**Empire (R)** — The South Bronx and Wall Street are only about 10 miles apart, but for the people who live and work there, the two sections of New York aren't just districts or neighborhoods — they're different worlds. John Leguizamo stars as Victor Rosa, a charismatic young Latino gangster who holds money above everything and fancies himself a self-made entrepreneur a la Rockefeller and Gates. But Victor's domain is a successful "street pharmaceutical" business, built around a customized heroin mixture he has dubbed "Empire." When Victor is offered a piece of the stock market he figures he can escape the street life — but there's a high price to pay.

**Two Weeks Notice (PG-13)** — Millionaire George Wade (Hugh Grant) needs a new chief counsel. When his brother Howard (David Haig) demands he hire an Ivy League lawyer or kiss his stock options goodbye, George turns an unexpected confrontation with passionate environmentalist Lucy Kelson (Sandra Bullock) into a spontaneous job interview. Lucy isn't content to serve as his personal secretary and eventually calls it quits, but love blossoms just the same.

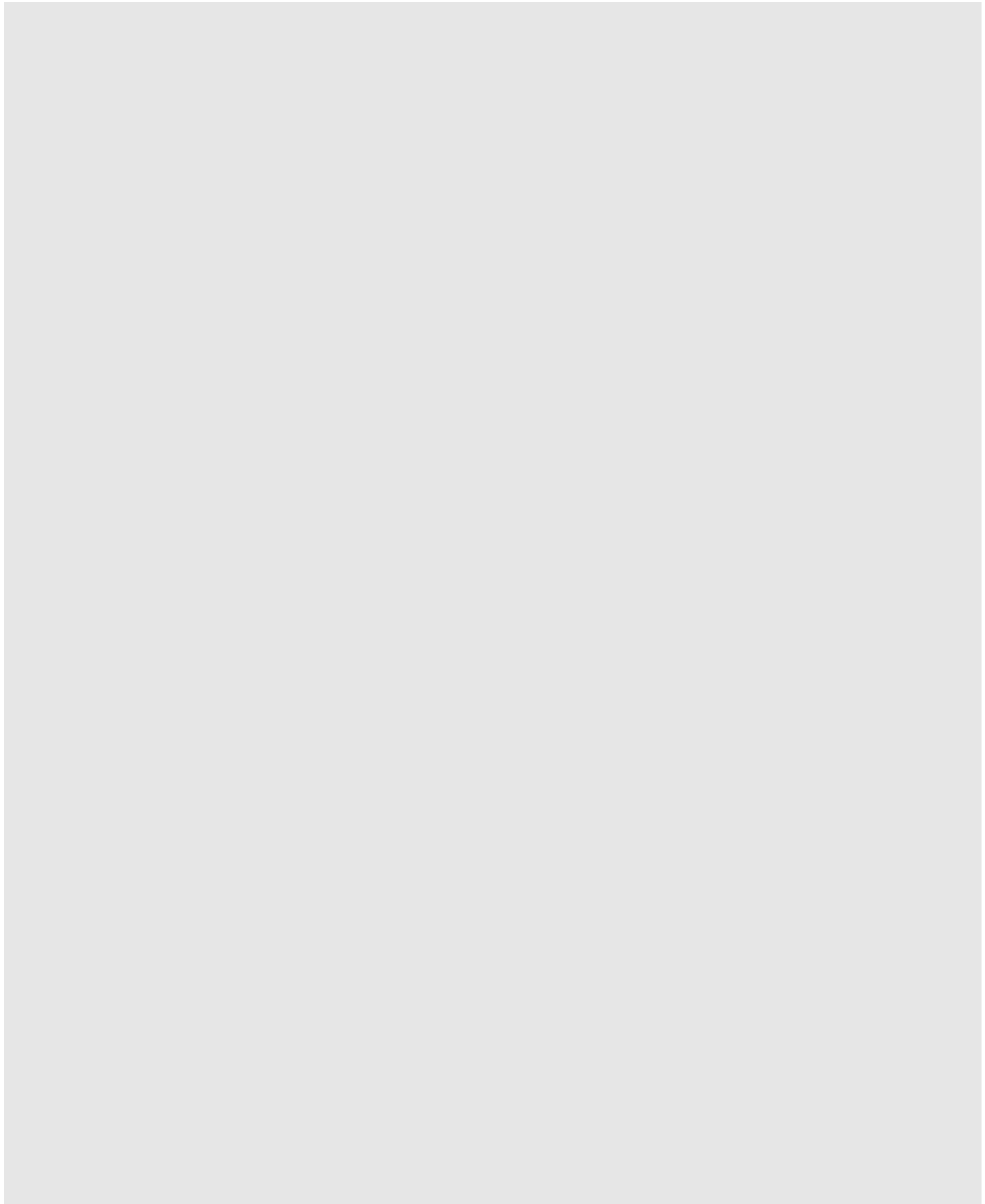
**Daredevil (PG-13)** — Although attorney Matt Murdock (Ben Affleck) is blind, his other four senses function with superhuman sharpness. By day Murdock represents the downtrodden. At night he is Daredevil, a masked vigilante stalking the dark streets of the city, a relentless avenger of justice. The film is based on the Marvel Comics character created by Stan Lee and Bill Everett in 1964. Jennifer Garner, Michael Clarke Duncan and Joe Pantoliano also star.

**Shanghai Knights (PG-13)** — Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson are back in this comic sequel. This time rather than the Wild Wild West, the martial arts action is set in London.

**The Recruit (PG-13)** — Al Pacino and Colin Farrell star in this explosive thriller about the CIA — how trainees are recruited, how they are prepared for the spy game and what they learn to survive. As the suspense builds toward a gripping climax, it soon becomes clear that the CIA's old maxims are true — "trust no one" and "nothing is what it seems."

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## Pushing ahead through uncertain times

### Balancing reading comprehension skills, readiness at Springfield

By David Ruderman

104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Like children across the 104th Area Support Group, Springfield Elementary School students are geared up for annual Terra Nova standardized testing taking place this month. While students are expected to do well, recent deployments and the possibility of war in the Gulf may affect how some of the students perform, said principal Eric Gentry.

"It's hard to concentrate if you're worried about where your mom or dad may be," he said. "But I don't think our scores are going to drop because of this. I think our kids are going to do well." Even so world events have affected everyday life for everyone in the community, including its children, he said. A small number of parents have deployed, but everyone is aware that more may follow.

"It hasn't hit too badly yet," said fifth-grade teacher Rhiannon Giouzelis. "It's more just an issue of the classroom environment, but I don't think it's affected my academics as yet. It's more the social environment." Giouzelis herself is not immune from the heightened concern affecting the community. "My husband's in the Army, so that's probably the hardest for me," she said.

"All the schools have their crisis teams working in overdrive right now," said Gentry. "We have a plan in place. A lot is going to depend on when the war starts, if a war starts. We do plan to keep the school open through the day if a war starts during the school day. What's had more of an impact is kids hearing parents talking about the possibility that they could deploy."

Springfield's crisis team consists of the school psychologist, counselor, administrators and teachers, plus Army Community Service specialists and the Chaplain's Office. ACS conducted a briefing for the team Feb. 14 and will return to the school this month to brief the faculty.

"Some of us have been around since the Gulf War, but for others it's the first time they've gone through it," said Gentry. "Unlike the peacekeeping missions in the Balkans, one of the hardest things is not knowing how long they'll be gone. It's the primary focus outside our academics. It's hard to say we don't have as much emphasis on that as usual, but it's hard to focus on that when we're involved with their security and safety while their parents are away."

A school-wide evacuation exercise Feb. 19 embodied the heightened attention the school is paying to safety and security. The entire student body and faculty assembled and walked about 500 meters to the Pioneer Fitness Center. "This type of evacuation is a real challenge because we're dealing with kids from 4-11," said Gentry. "It's going to be a little bit of a challenge for us."

A kindergartner's lost shoe slowed the procession for a minute or two, but otherwise the walk went without a hitch. The sunny weather lent the whole procedure a festive atmosphere. When the children reassembled in the gym, Gentry took the floor.

"You're doing a good job now, but there are a few things I'm concerned about," said Gentry. "When you come in you have to come in and be quiet as you would during a fire drill. Today this was just a practice. We'll be doing this again at least once more. What I saw was almost everybody doing



Photo by Karl Weisel

Springfield Elementary School teachers and students evacuate the school during an exercise Feb. 19.

what they were supposed to do, and I'm really proud of you."

He explained to students that the need to evacuate the school could have a number of causes. It could be because war had broken out or it could be something as "natural" as a fire in the vicinity of the school. Gentry went on to entertain questions from the students.

Why do they have to come to the fitness center, asked one?

Gentry said they would need a place large enough to hold 370 children. "If something causes us to leave the building and stay away for a long period of time, we will come here," he said.

"What'll we do if we have to stay here all day?" asked another. Teachers are prepared to bring bags of material to keep students active while in the gym, he said.

"My feet hurt," said a third child.

"It's also good exercise for us," said Gentry.

"Why don't we come in school buses?" asked another.

"Because we don't have any school buses. Other than that it would be a great idea," he said. With few exceptions Springfield students walk to school from the surrounding housing areas.

Once the exercise was complete teachers and students returned to focus on learning. Springfield's School Improvement Plan focuses on reading comprehension, said Gentry, "being able to read with comprehension. Our goal is to have every child reading on grade level."

One approach has been to build a "leveled library" of material through Developmental Reading Assessment. Springfield is the first school in the district to implement the program, which costs about \$4,000, said Gentry. It has already been adopted at Argonner Elementary School.

"We buy books based on readability," he said. Teachers can determine books that are relatively easy to foster a sense of mastery, fluency for the student and add those which are

more difficult to stimulate a growing vocabulary and increased comprehension. "We can choose which of those books the kids should be reading. Sometimes we want them to read the same book over and over. You can't build comprehension without reading fluently."

"When you're testing for comprehension there are different levels," said reading specialist Rachel Bridges. "Getting the kids to see a connection between questions and answers is an issue. They're often well able to decode the information, but they can't express themselves well. What I try to do first is give kids a feeling of success, gradually advancing to more challenging texts. We have lots of opportunities to apply teaching strategies. Picking the appropriate level is critical to success."

Springfield employs a variety of teaching materials in its approach, among them Literacy Place, Developmental Reading Assessment and Scholastic Reading Inventory materials. Encouraging parental involvement is also a key to success, said Gentry.

A Literary Night held in the autumn drew parents to the school to learn how to help their children become better readers. A small group of teachers made presentations to parents on how to encourage their children to read better and more often. The other teachers, augmented by a handful of soldiers from the school's support unit, 130th Engineer Brigade, supplied child care.

"We had a great turnout, about 40 percent of our families," said Gentry. "It was the first time we did one. They were most appreciative of it." A follow-up session is planned for the spring to keep children on track and to help parents keep them reading over the summer breaks.

Unfortunately 130th Engineers will probably not be able to lend a hand next time. "They were involved a lot, sending soldiers over here every week to read in the classrooms, until all the trouble started," said Gentry. "It's pretty much stopped now."

### Focus on Springfield Elementary School



### School bits

#### Drama Fest coming up

The 2003 Department of Defense Dependents Schools All-Europe Drama Festival will be held at Gen. H.H. Arnold High

School in Wiesbaden April 28-30. Families are needed to host some of the 200 student participants for three nights and provide transportation during their stay. Call the school at mil 337-6319 or Kim Bagwell at civ (0611) 1748 474 for details. Judges with theatrical experience are sought as well. Call Jan

Meyers at civ (06127) 993 761 for details.

#### Reading at Hainerberg

The Hainerberg Elementary School media center is open from the end of classes till 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Students coming in with parents may check out up to 15 books

and use computers for research and games.

#### What's for lunch?

AAFES monthly school lunch menus can be found on the web at <http://odin.aafes.com/nutrition/hsmenu.htm> along with links to nutritional information.



# Sports and leisure

## Sports shorts

### Kudos to high school athletes

Congratulations to the Baumholder girls basketball team, winners of the Division III crown at the Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe Basketball Championships in Mannheim Feb. 21-22. The Lady Bucs beat London Central 51-36 in the final to win the championship. Kudos also to the Wiesbaden Warrior cheerleaders who claimed the Division I cheerleading crown Feb. 22 in Mannheim. Congratulations to all of the 104th ASG school teams that came close to clinching their divisions including both Wiesbaden teams and the Hanau girls.

### Soccer action

Friedberg Fitness Center sponsors a pre-season Indoor Soccer Tournament March 18-21 and the Indoor Soccer Championship March 22. Call mil 324-3155.

### Wiesbaden run

The 221st Base Support Battalion's Sports and Fitness Office hosts a 10-K Fun Run March 8 at 10 a.m. in Dexheim. Registration costs \$15. Call mil 334-5746 or civ (06133) 69-746 for details.

### Basketball tourney

Giessen's Miller Hall Fitness Center hosts a St. Patrick's Day Invitational Basketball Tournament March 14-16. An Open Dunk Basketball Tournament will be held March 29. Call the center at mil 343-7201 or 8206 for details.

### Free fitness classes

Giessen's Miller Hall Fitness Center offers free **IntervalStep Aerobics** classes every Tuesday. Free **Cardio Kickboxing** classes are held Wednesdays and **Interval Body Pump** classes are Thursdays. Classes take place from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Free **Spinning** classes are offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:45-7:45 p.m. Call mil 343-7201.

### Civilian Fitness enrollment

Civilian employees in the 221st, 284th and 414th Base Support Battalions can enroll in the Civilian Fitness Program in March. The program allows Department of the Army full-time employees the chance to exercise during duty hours for up three hours a week

for six months. Enrollment packets and instructions can be downloaded on the 104th Area Support Group website at [www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil/Fit/Program.htm](http://www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil/Fit/Program.htm). Fitness assessments will be conducted at Wiesbaden's Tony Bass Fitness Center March 4 from 1-4 p.m. and March 5 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.; at the Friedberg Fitness Center March 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.; at Giessen's Miller Hall Fitness Center March 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.; and at Hanau's Pioneer Fitness Center March 18 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and March 19 from 1-4 p.m. Call the fitness center or Lori Pineda, Health Promotions coordinator, at mil 322-9509 or civ (06181) 88-9509 for more information.

### Yoga classes

A yoga and stress reduction class is held every Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in Classroom 3 of Wiesbaden's Aukamm Elementary School. Call mil 337-6261 or civ (0611) 705-6261.

### Youth sports registration

The 221st and 414th Base Support Battalions' Youth Service Sports are now registering youths for the upcoming baseball/softball season. Registration continues through March 31. In Wiesbaden stop by the Central Registration Office in Building 7790 in Hainerberg Housing to register your child or call mil 337-5388. In Hanau stop by the CLEOS Office in Building 20 on Pioneer Kaserne or call mil 322-9144.

### Free fitness workshops

Friedberg's Fitness Center hosts a **free aerobathon** March 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join in on three-and-a-half hours of aerobics followed by a three-kilometer run. Get your blood pressure checked and learn more about various fitness activities such as aerobics, cardio-kickboxing and abdominal workouts. The event will also feature door prizes and refreshments. Call mil 324-3155 for details.

Wiesbaden's Tony Bass Fitness Center holds a **Healthy Eating/Maintaining the Balance Workshop** March 8 from 10 a.m. to noon in observance of National Nutrition Month. The free event will feature a TurboKick demonstration, a nutrition information table and basic nutritional guidance from a certified personal trainer. Call mil 337-5541.



Photo by Karl Weisel

## Boxing action in Baumholder, Dexheim

If you missed the chance to compete or view the action at Fliegerhorst Fitness Center's Black History Month Boxing Tournament, don't fret — there are two more local opportunities this month. The 222nd Base Support Battalion's Sports and Fitness Office hosts the Baumholder Invitational Boxing Night March 15 at the Hall of Champions. Physicals, weigh-ins and registration will take place from 10 a.m. to noon with the first bouts starting at 6 p.m. Spectator admission is \$4 for adults. Children age 12 and under enter free. Call mil 485-7176 for details. The Dexheim Sports and Fitness Center holds an Open Boxing Tournament March 29 starting at 6 p.m. Registration is from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For more information call mil 334-5746 or civ (06133) 69-746.

## Things to do ... Things to do

### Rembrandt exhibit at Städel

Frankfurt's Städelches Kunstinstitut, better known as the Städel Art Museum, located on the Sachsenhausen bank of the Main River, is currently featuring 47 artworks by Dutch master painter Rembrandt van Rijn. The exhibit will be featured through May 11. The museum is also showcasing last works by painters Kirchner, Beckmann, Corinth and Schlemmer. Visit the museum website at [www.staedelmuseum.de](http://www.staedelmuseum.de) for more information.

### Free golfing at Wiesbaden's Rheinblick

Come out and golf for free at Wiesbaden's Rheinblick Golf Course during their membership drive March 15-31. Try out the 18-hole course and see if you want to become a member. Call the Pro Shop at mil 336-2816 to sign up.

### In the limelight

Hanau's Five Pfennig Theater on Old Argonner Kaserne presents the Arthur Miller award-winning play "All My Sons" March 6-8 and 13-15. Call mil 322-8725 for ticket reservations.

Frankfurt's English Theater presents the David Auburn play

"Proof" every day except Monday starting March 8. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. For tickets, which start at €19 for adults and €14 for students, call civ (069) 2423



1620. The theater is at Kaiserstr. 52, a short walk from the Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof.

Giessen's Keller Theater presents "The Goodbye Girl," a musical comedy by Neil George March 7-8, 13-15 and 20-22 at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call mil 343-6515 or civ (0641) 402-6515.

### 'The Fantasticks' in Kaiserslautern

The Kaiserslautern High School Drama Group presents the musical, "The Fantasticks," March 6-8 at 7:30 p.m. and March 9 at 3 p.m. Admission is \$3. Call the school at mil 489-7541 for more information.

### Martial arts demonstration

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in association with the Deutsches Dan-Kollegium e.V., hosts a three-day martial arts workshop and exhibition in Frankfurt in the coming months. Any youth groups, martial arts instructors and

people interested in learning more about martial arts and getting involved in the international community should call civ (0172) 681 0300 or email [hnbranch@naacp-europe.org](mailto:hnbranch@naacp-europe.org).

### Dexheim talent show for all ages

Dexheim features an adult and youth talent show March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Rhein Theater. Cost is \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door. Children age 6-12 pay \$2 and those under age 6 enter free. Call Spc. Eckstein at mil 334-5971 for more information.

### USO trips

The Büdingen/Hanau USO, located in Building 2207 on Armstong Barracks and in Building 4 on Pioneer Kaserne, features a variety of trips in the coming weeks including a **Cologne Cathedral and City Tour** March 27, **Poland Express** March 7, **Heidelberg Castle and City Tour** March 11, **Würzburg Tour** March 13, **Milano and Lucerne Tour** March 14-16, **Rothenburg Medieval City Tour** March 15, **Nürnberg City Tour** March 18, **Paris Trip** March 21. Call mil 321-4253 or 322-8725 for more information.





# Sports and leisure



Frankfurt's Sascha Bokhari scoops up a loose ball to start a fast break. Photo below: Frankfurt's Tim Gruenke fights with the Münster goalie for the ball as Philipp Kugler (far left) and Bob Scheider (right) move in to assist.



Frankfurt's Matt Meredith (left) and Björn Brunnhöfer battle for a loose ball during their match against the Mohawks.

## Cosmos on a roll

**Frankfurt team to host lacrosse camp, extends win streak to 11 straight**

Photofeature by Karl Weisel  
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

The Frankfurt Cosmos Lacrosse Club extended their unbeaten record to 11 straight wins and 15 consistent home victories with a 9-5 win over the Münster Mohawks at Frankfurt's Ostpark Feb. 22. Among scorers for the Cosmos were Sascha Bokhari, Philipp Kuegler, Matt Meredith and Tim Gruenke.

The team, which includes several Americans, put away a combined team of players from Heidelberg, Cologne and Giessen the week before, taking a 6-5 win in overtime. They also defeated the Nord Deutsche Liga champion Hannover 8-4 on Feb. 16. Sebastian Dettmer and Nick Fischer led the scoring for the Frankfurt team in the win over Hannover.

The 2002 German champion Frankfurt Cosmos were the winners of last year's German and West Deutsche Liga Championships. Several members of the international squad were selected to compete at the international level for the German and other European national teams.

Lacrosse, founded by Native Americans and known as the "little brother of war" for its excellent military training by its first practitioners, has grown into a popular international sport. While today's athletes no longer use sticks and hair-stuffed deer-skin balls, they still enjoy the thrill of battling for points while displaying their speed, accuracy and teamwork with a netted racquet.

The Cosmos will host their fourth annual Frankfurt Cosmos Lacrosse Camp March 15-16 in Frankfurt's Ostpark. Players of all abilities are welcome both days, but the first day will focus on skills required by beginning players and those with less than a year of experience. The second day will be for all players. The camp will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and will include practice games.

For more information call Bob Scheider at civ (0160) 9565 0171. For directions to the Ostpark (located near the Frankfurt Eissporthalle) visit the Cosmos website at [www.frankfurt-cosmos.de](http://www.frankfurt-cosmos.de) and click on the "Training" link.